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This Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) test was conducted to ascertain whether the Mk 732 Mod 0 Shipping and Storage Container (Drawing 53711-6205246) meets the Packing Group II requirements specified by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 CFR, Parts 106 through 178, dated 1 October 1992. The packaged commodity used for the test was a simulated weight of steel and sand weighing 6.1 kg (13.5 pounds). This represents the current maximum commodity weight. To compensate for future growth variations in commodity and/or packaging, 1.4 kg (3.0 pounds) were added. Gross weight of the loaded container was 17.0 kg (37.5 pounds). The test results indicate that the container has conformed to the POP requirements.

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POP Test of Mk 732 Mod 0 Shipping and Storage Container

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INTRODUCTION

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Due a limited availability only five containers were used for testing. This is less than the number required by the regulations. The containers were identified as #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5.

TESTS PERFORMED

1. Base Level Vibration Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR 178.608. Containers #1, #2, and #3 were placed on a repetitive shock platform which has a vertical linear motion of 1-inch double amplitude. Movement of the containers were restricted during vibration in all but the vertical direction. The frequency of the platform was increased until the containers left the platform 1/16 of an inch at some instant during each cycle. Test time was 1 hour.

2. Stacking Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR 178.606. Containers #1, #2, and #3 were used for this test. Each container was subjected to a force applied to its top surface equivalent to the total weight of identical packages stacked to a minimum height of 3 meters (including the test container). A weight of 170 kg (375 pounds) was stacked on each test container. The test was performed for 24 hours. The weight was then removed and the containers examined.

3. Drop Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR 178.603. Six drops were performed from a height of 1.2 meters (4 feet) in the following orientations (three drops for each orientation):

a. Horizontally using container #1, #2, and #3.

b. Diagonally on the edge between the cover assembly and the top ring of the container using container #4 and #5. (Two drops were performed on container #5.)

PASS/FAIL

1. Base Level Vibration Test

The criteria for passing the base level vibration test is outlined in Title 49 CFR 178.608(c): No test sample should show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion liable to reduce packaging strength.

2. Stacking Test

The criteria for passing the stacking test is outlined in Title 49 CFR 178.606(d): No test sample may show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion likely to reduce its strength, cause instability in stacks of packages, or cause damage to inner packagings likely to reduce safety in transportation.

3. Drop Test

The criteria for passing the drop test is outlined in Title 49 CFR 178.603(f): A package is considered to successfully pass the drop tests if for each sample tested, no rupture occurs which would permit spillage of loose explosive substances or articles from the outer packaging.

TEST RESULTS

1. Base Level Vibration Test

Satisfactory.

2. Stacking Test

Satisfactory.

3. Drop Test

Satisfactory.

DISCUSSION

1. Base Level Vibration Test

The input vibration frequency was 3.95 Hz. Immediately after the vibration test was completed, each container was removed from the platform, turned on its side and inspected. No unfavorable distortion or deterioration was observed.

2. Stacking Test

Each container was inspected after the 24-hour period was over. No unfavorable distortion or deterioration was observed.

3. Drop Test

After each drop, the container was inspected. The contents were completely retained by the container.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

A. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 CFR, Parts 106-178.

B. Bureau of Explosives Tariff No. BOE 6000K Hazardous Materials Regulations of the Department of Transportation by Air, Rail, Highway, Water including Specifications for Shipping Containers.

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TEST DATA SHEET

POP MARKING: UN 1A2/Y17/S/**/USA/DOD/NAD **YEAR LAST PACKED OR MANUFACTURED	
Nomenclature: Mk 732 Mod 0 Shipping and Storage Container	
Type: 1A2	**NSN:** 4T 8140-01-311-7850
Drawing Number or P/N: (53711) 6205246	**Outer Packaging Material:** Steel
Dimensions: 17" Dia x 12.5" H	**Gross Weight:** 17 kg (37.5 pounds)
Closure (Method/Type): Removable Cover With Locking Ring	**Tare Weight:** 9.5 kg (21 pounds)
Additional Description:	
PACKAGED COMMODITY:	
Nomenclature: See table 1	**NSN(s):** See table 1
United Nations Number: See table 1	
United Nations Packing Group: II	
Physical State (Solid, Liquid, or Gas): Solid	
Vapor Pressure (Liquids Only): N/A **At 50 °C:** N/A **At 55 °C:** N/A	
Consistency/Viscosity: N/A	**Density/Specific Gravity:** N/A
Amount per Package: See table 1	**Flash Point:** N/A
Net Weight: See table 1	
PACKAGED COMMODITY USED FOR TEST:	
Name: Simulated Weight of Steel and Sand	**Physical State:** Solid
Consistency: N/A	**Density/Specific Gravity:** N/A
Test Pressure (Liquids Only): N/A	**Net Weight:** 7.5 kg (16.5 pounds)
Additional Description: The net weight includes the current maximum commodity weight plus an additional 1.4 kg (3.0 pounds).	

N/A = Not Applicable

TABLE 1
Commodities Approved for Shipping in the Mk 732 Mod 0 Shipping and Storage Container

NALC/ DOOC	NSN	Commodity Nomenclature	Packing Document Number	Haz Class/Div	UN Number	Units/ Package	Total Net Weight kg (lb)	Total Gross Weight kg (lb)
5W13	4T 1356-01-272-2369	Air Stabilizer, Mk 32 Mod 0 Fixed Wing	53711-6205257	1.4S	0349	1	6.1 (13.5)	15.7 (34.5)
5W14	4T 1356-01-272-2370	Air Stabilizer, Mk 33 Mod 0 Helo	53711-6205260	1.4S	0349	1	6.1 (13.5)	15.7 (34.5)
N/A	N/A	Air Stabilizer, Mk 32 Mod 1 Fixed Wing	53711-6205257	1.4S	0070	1	6.1 (13.5)	15.7 (34.5)

N/A = Not Assigned